

CHOOSING AN ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER?

Advanced Nurse Practitioners provide for the health care needs of patient populations in their specialty area which is determined by their education and certification.

ANPs are health care professionals who can:

- Provide individual care
- Focus on the effects health problems have on the patient and the family
- Explain health problems and effects of medications
- Emphasize wellness and self-care
- Manage their own caseload

ANPs with prescriptive authority maintain a current collaborative practice agreement with a physician who agrees to be available for consultation and referral.



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ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER

A PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL



WHAT IS AN ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER?

An Advanced Nurse Practitioner is a registered nurse (RN) who has completed a nurse practitioner educational program and holds national certification as a nurse practitioner from a Board approved certifying body.

WHAT SERVICES DO ANPs PROVIDE?

Advanced Nurse Practitioners provide for the health care needs of patients through advanced assessment, identification of health states including abnormal conditions, diagnosing, treatment and evaluation. As health care providers, ANPs:

- Perform physical examinations
- Order, perform and interpret lab and x-ray studies
- Diagnose and treat acute health problems such as infections and injuries
- Diagnose, treat and monitor chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure
- Provide health maintenance, screenings and immunizations
- Promote healthy lifestyles through education and counseling
- Collaborate with physicians and other health care professionals as needed



CAN ANPs PRESCRIBE?

A Certificate of Prescriptive Authority issued by the Board of Nursing is required in order for the ANP to prescribe. To obtain the certificate, the ANP must have the following:

- Recent advanced pharmacology
- Defined preceptorship in prescribing
- Collaborative Practice Agreement with a physician who has a practice comparable in scope or specialty
- Protocols that include indications for and classifications of drugs, controlled substances (if prescriber has a DEA number) and therapeutic devices

After obtaining the certificate of prescriptive authority the ANP can apply for a DEA number, which allows prescribing Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances.



WHERE DO ANPs PRACTICE?

Advanced Nurse Practitioners work in almost any setting where health care is delivered, such as:

- Physician offices
- Nurse Practitioner offices
- Hospitals and hospital clinics
- Rural Health Clinics
- Public Health Centers
- Nursing Homes and Hospices
- Schools
- Health Maintenance Organizations
- Home Care Agencies
- Business and Industry Employee Health settings

SPECIALTY CERTIFICATIONS APPROVED FOR ANPs

- Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Gerontological Nurse Practitioner
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- School Nurse Practitioner
- Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner

